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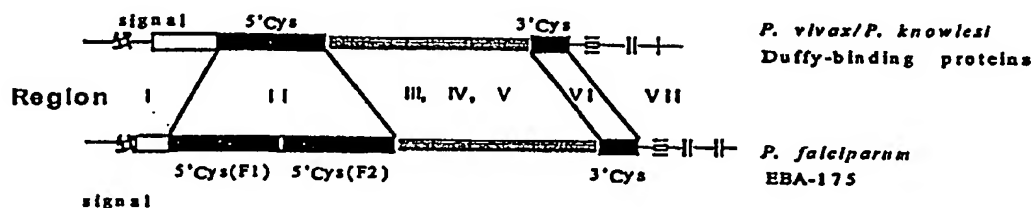
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(54) Title: ANTI-PLASMODIUM COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE



(57) Abstract: Compositions that inhibit the binding of Plasmodium falciparum to erythrocytes include a family of erythrocyte binding proteins (EBPs). The EBPs are paralogues of the P. falciparum binding protein EBA-175. The present invention includes peptides of the paralogues that prevent the binding of P. falciparum. Antibodies specific for each paralogue that also prevent the binding of P. falciparum are also included. Methods of the invention utilize the paralogues, antibodies thereof and peptide compositions for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of P. falciparum diseases such as malaria, as well as methods for the detection of P. falciparum in biological samples and culture media.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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Although claims 13-15 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that the sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:1 filed with the application is not a nucleotidic sequence but a polypeptide. Moreover, no polynucleotide sequence has been filed and, thereof, the sequence search has been carried out based on SEQ ID NO:1 (and assuming that that is the protein subject of the invention) and on its T-DNA sequence.

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